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Letter of Appeal

Schools and Libraries Program: CC Docket No. 02-6

Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

This letter constitutes a formal Appeal of USAC's Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Celerity Education Group [CEG] BEN 17006823 issued 6/28/2017. For completeness, all original USAC appeal information is also provided.

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Title of Document Being Appealed	Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter
Relevant Funding Year	FY2016
Date of Document Being Appealed	6/28/2017
Form 471 Application Number	161047510
Applicant's Form Identifier	CEG471FY1617C1

## **Appeal Explanation**

USAC's "Denied" decision has this Post-Commitment Rationale:

Our records show that your appeal was filed more than 60 days after the date your decision letter was issued. Your appeal was filed on 2/21/2017. The FCDL was issued on 12/19/2016. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require appeals to be filed within 60 days of the date on the decision letter being appealed. FCC rules do not permit the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to consider your appeal.

Per provided documentation, the USAC appeal of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Celerity Education Group [CEG] BEN 17006823 Form 471 application #161047510 was filed within the required 60 days.

## **Supporting Documentation**

These documents are provided as evidence of timely submission of the initial USAC appeal:

- Program Deadlines Calculated Deadline 2/17/17 (ceg\_y19\_appeal\_due\_by\_20170217.pdf)
- Print of sent email confirming submission Date: February 17, 2017 at 1:57 PM (ceg y19 appeal submission 20170217 1357.pdf)
- Auto-reply email from <a href="mailto:appeals@sl.universalservice.org">appeals@sl.universalservice.org</a> confirming submission Date: February 17, 2017 at 1:57 PM (ceg y19 appeal receipt confirmation 20170217 1357.pdf)

We are also providing a copy of our Consultant Letter of Agency (ceg\_loa.pdf).

## Relief sought through this appeal

We request that FCC direct USAC to fully process our originally requested appeal of FY2016 Funding Commitment Decision Letter for CELERITY EDUCATIONAL GROUP (BEN 17006823) issued 12/19/2016 for Form 471 App #161047510 (nickname CEG471FY1617C1). (Ultimately, we expect that USAC will reverse FRN denials and reinstate CEG's 90% discount level for Internet and 50% discount for voice services.)

This Letter of Appeal is being submitted via FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System [ECFS].

In preparing this document, Learnigntech.org relied upon information provided by USAC/SLD, by the service providers, and by CEG.

Respectfully,

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